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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if any steps have been taken to remedy the situation that has been created in the Government Presses by the dismissal of large numbers of men and suspension of still larger numbers ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is absolutely no such situation created."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Have the Government made any enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" What is the result of the enquiry ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no such situation."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" What action do they propose to take ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" If there is no situation, where is the necessity for any action ? "

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know if the Labour Commissioner has ever visited any of the Government Presses in Madras ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" What is the report ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No special report."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I ask if the Labour Commissioner is satisfied that there is accommodation enough for all the employees ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sir, the Government themselves are not satisfied with the press buildings. There are proposals for improving them."

### Motor Vehicles Act

*Number of motor cars and accidents in this Presidency.*

\* 1696 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of private motor cars and of cars and buses plying for hire in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency at the end of 1929 (figures to be given separately);

(b) the number of car and bus accidents in Madras City and in each district of this Presidency in 1929; and

(c) the proportion in which the number of accidents in 1929 has increased or decreased as compared with 1928 and 1927?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information. A report will be called for.



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Rao Sahib L. C. GURUSWAMI:—"Sir, are the Government aware that the accidents chiefly occur in the traffic-congested centres where the trams stop for dropping or picking up passengers and the buses are allowed to run past by them?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member has given very valuable information."

Rao Sahib L. C. GURUSWAMI:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the passengers to and from the tram cars are often subjected to danger to life on account of fast-plying buses by the side of the stopping trams?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is not a supplementary question."

### Civil Justice

*Alleged letter regarding a suit by Mr. Gawne to the District Munsif of Calicut.*

\* 1697 Q.—Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. Gawne, the District Magistrate, Calicut, wrote to the Additional District Munsif of Calicut not to proceed with the trial of the suit, O.S. No. 57 of 1930, on the file of the latter; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the letter and the reply of the District Munsif, if any, and place them on the table of the House?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The High Court has been addressed in the matter.

*Memorials from copyists in the Judicial Department.*

\* 1698 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorials have been received from the copyists working in the Judicial Department regarding their status and emoluments; and

(b) if so, whether any orders have been passed thereon?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given on the 15th October 1929, to his question No. 914, on the same subject. No memorial from copyists has since been received.

*Memorials from copyists in the Judicial Department.*

\* 1699 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorials from the copyists in the Judicial Department bringing to the notice of the Government some of their grievances and requesting for the redress of the same;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in that matter;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring the copyists into the regular branch of the service with pension and leave allowances and with a minimum pay of Rs. 35 per mensem and, if so, when; and

(d) if the answer to question (c) is in the negative, the reasons why it is not proposed to be done?